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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Leavenworth Retiree Council Meeting
Held on 25 March 2006

1. The Fort Leavenworth Retiree Council met on Saturday, 25 March 2006, at 0900 in the MITRE Conference Room.
2. The following members were present:
 - COL James Pittman, USA Ret.
 - COL Norman D. Greczyn, USA Ret.
 - COL Alejandro T. Devora, Jr., USMCR Ret.
 - CAPT Chris Morgan, USNR Ret.
 - LTC June Halverson, ARNG Ret.
 - LTC Yvonne Doll, USA Ret.
 - LTC Rene Ramos, USA Ret.
 - CW4 Donald Bohnsack, USA Ret.
 - CSM Larry Smith, USA Ret.
 - SGM Clifford M. Lovett, USA Ret.
 - SFC JoAnn Uitenham, USA Ret.
 - TSgt Tracy Root, USAF Ret.
 - TSgt Kathryn Bushur, USAFR Ret.
3. The following council members were absent:
 - 1SG Michael Howell, USA Ret.
4. Others present were: Ms. Victoria Wells, Adjutant General; Ms Cindy Helm, Chief, Personnel Processing Branch/RSO; and Mr. Lawrence DeSouza, Project Manager. Prospective member Mrs. Berry Johnson, Retiree Widow, was also in attendance.
5. Opening comments from COL Pittman: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. Welcome to Mrs. Berry Johnson; she is sitting in, and a prospective member for the Widows' Representative.
6. RAD info: Report from - Cindy Helm:
 - a. COL Towers has chosen to go with Eisenhower Auditorium for the RAD Program and FCC for the Health Awareness Fair and vendors.

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(1) Coffee and Donuts, Patton Junior High Band and Door Prizes will be located at Eisenhower Auditorium.

(2) Vendors will be located in the Ball Room of FCC; flu shots and health in Hearth Room; PMO will be in the small room next to the Ball Room; Catering located downstairs.

(3) It was decided to use the FCC location again as the drops are there for DFAS, PMO AND SJA.

(4) Looking at Incredible Edibles for catering at FCC. If the council has other suggestions, they need to come forward. COL Greczyn agreed to look into the possibilities and get back with Cindy.

(5) Buses and golf carts will be provided to transport retirees to and from locations. Council on Aging has lots of buses. COL Greczyn will contact them and let the council know if there is a fee involved.

b. Guest Speakers will be CSA Chairman-LTG Vollrath, USA Ret., and COL Sackett, Combat Related Special Compensation. CAC Commanding General, LTG Petraeus, will be requested to do the opening remarks.

7. Member Input:

a. Recommend breakout rooms for retiree issues, combat issues, etc. Two or three council members need to get together and discuss what topics would be and see if we can get expertise in those areas. Volunteers are CSM Smith, CAPT Morgan, and TSgt Bushur.

b. Cindy needs volunteers to help with contacting caterers and other tasks. Cindy will call Tracy, COL Pittman, or SGM Lovett and they will try to get volunteers. It was suggested that someone meet with Cindy three or four hours a week to help with various tasks. Cindy will identify major tasks and the council will get volunteers. COL Devora has volunteered his help as well.

c. To get email to Retirements or to Cindy use the following email address: rso@leavenworth.army.mil.

d. Bulletins for RAD need to be mailed out in August. Council members who are available will meet at AG and help fold

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and tab bulletins. Cindy will get with Tracy with information so she can email out to members.

e. The Charter for the Retiree Council was reviewed and approved as written.

f. Still looking for more individuals to join the Retiree Council. When you go to your meetings and associations let people know about the council.

8. Update from Advisory Council Members:

a. Health Council - SGM Lovett reported:

(1) Extended hours through June at the Pharmacy are 0730-1730. Extended wait times at Pharmacy due to fielding of new automation systems. If possible, visit the pharmacy during non-peak or extended hours (Peak times: 1000-1300 and 1500-1630).

(2) Tricare increase is curtailed for now.

(3) MAHC will have a Change of Command on 7 June 2006.

b. Post Exchange Council - TSgt Root reported that attendance has not been good at the council so no new information has been gleaned. If you have any issues that you would like to have addressed to the PX council please email her and she will present them at the next council meeting on 18 April 2006. The new service station is open 24 hours now if you use a credit card, the only disadvantage to this is Military ID cards are not being checked to see if you are an authorized user.

c. Commissary Council: Mr. Bohnsack reported that the Commissary's Summer Hire program is once again open to all 18 year-old and older, military dependent or civilian worker. They would be hired to work any area and be brought on as a GS-2.

d. Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Symposium: CSM Smith informed the council the AFAP would be held on 12 October 2006.

9. COL Devora, USMC RET, has been approved to join the Retiree Council. RSO presented an appointment letter to him signed by COL Towers.

10. Certificates of Appreciation, signed by LTG Petraeus, were presented to CSM Smith and TSgt Root by Ms Wells for support of the 42nd Annual Fort Leavenworth RAD.

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11. The Pre-Retirement Program will be held on Thursday, 9 June 2006. Please check your calendar and see if you are available to address the pre-retirees, and get with Ms. Helm.

12. At the next Retiree Council Meeting we need to establish a set of goals to strive for. Also, bring back issues and appoint a person to work, propose, write up, and submit to AG for CSA.

13. It has been agreed upon to move the Retiree Council Meeting to a weekday. The MITRE Corporation and Armed Forces Insurance will share meeting space.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 1030. Our next meeting will be held on 22 June, 1500-1700 hours at the MITRE Conference Room located at 401 Delaware, 2nd Floor of the Mid America Bank, downtown Leavenworth. This is a Thursday, so hopefully everyone can attend.

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